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INVENTOR(S) : KOLODY, et al.
TITLE : **RADIOLUCENT SURGICAL TABLE
WITH LOW SHADOW ACCESSORY
INTERFACE PROFILE**
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STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

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Dear Sir:

A telephonic interview was conducted in connection with the above-identified patent application on November 15, 2004. An Interview Summary (PTOL-413) was mailed from the Patent Office on November 19, 2004. The substance of that interview is as follows:

Brief Description of the Nature of Any Exhibit Shown or Any Demonstration Conducted:

None.

Identification of the Claims Discussed:

All claims and particularly claims 30 and 35.

Identification of the Specific Prior Art Discussed:

U.S. Patent Nos. 4,145,612 (Cooper, 5,983,426 (Vanek), and 4,484,517 (Velazquez)

Identification of the Principal Proposed Amendments of a Substantive Nature Discussed, Unless these are Already Described on the Interview Summary Form Completed by the Examiner:

An amendment was proposed to claim 30 wherein the connection area would be recited as being substantially non-planar. In addition, an amendment to claim 30 was proposed wherein the interface would be defined by a plurality of curved surfaces of the patient support member.

Brief Identification of the General Thrust of the Principal Arguments Presented to the Examiner:

The general thrust of the principal arguments presented was, in connection with claim 30, that the Vanek patent teaches planar surfaces. In connection with claim 35, the Velazquez patent teaches an interface formed on curved surfaces, but the curved surfaces are not part of the patient support member.

General Indication of any other Pertinent Matters Discussed:

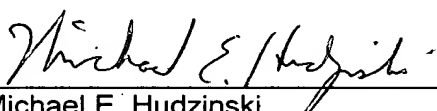
No other pertinent matters were discussed.

General Results or Outcome of the Interview:

An agreement was reached that an amendment would be filed along the lines of the discussions conducted during the interview.

Respectfully submitted,

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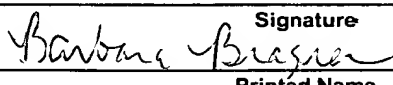
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